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In re Application of : Philippe Le Bras
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For : Wraparound Carton with a Beam Structure and Blank Therefor
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Art Unit : 3727

Commissioner for Patents

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed on the attached forms PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

One of the three non-English-language references shown in the forms PTO-1449, i.e., EP 0,133,957, was cited in the Search Report in GB Patent Application No, 0105223.2, filed March 2, 2001, while another non-English-language reference, i.e., FR 2,423,399, was cited in the International Search Report in PCT Application No. US02/08007, filed March 04, 2002. Both the GB and PCT applications correspond to the present application. Copies of the search reports (in English) are also enclosed. The GB Search Report indicates that the whole disclosure of EP 0,133,957 was thought to be relevant under category "X" to claims 1-4 and 10-13 that were originally filed in the GB application. The International Search Report indicates that Figures 1 and 2 of FR 2,423,399 were thought to be relevant under category "A" to claims 1, 15 and 23 that were originally in the PCT application.

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of the other non-English-language reference:

EP 0,972,718 discloses a package comprising a wraparound carton and a plurality of cups (5)

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arranged with a recess defined between adjacent ones of the cups. The cups are packaged in the carton that comprises a top wall (51), a side wall, a horizontal base wall (53) and a tilted base wall (54) arranged to form a tubular structure that encircles said articles (FIGURE 3.) The tilted base wall (54) is hingedly connected at one end thereof to the horizontal base wall..

This information is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information cited in this statement be considered according to 37 CFR § 1.97(b). However, if this information is submitted after the three months and a first Office Action has been mailed on or before the date shown on the Certificate of Mailing included in this statement, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2512 in the amount of \$180 to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) and consider the information according to 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

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